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## **ELEVEN INDICTED IN ARMY CLOTH FRAUD**

Police Lieutenant Estimates \$5,000,000 as Amount of Missing Supplies.

CASE AT NEW YORK

**EIGHT MANUFACTURERS** INVOLVED IN CHARGES

Two Employes and Civilian Quartermaster Clerk Face Accusation With Former.

NEW YORK, February 21.-Eight clothing manufacturers, two employes and a clerk in the quartermaster's department of the Army were indicted by the federal grand jury here today charged with being concerned in extensive Army uniform cloth frauds.

The indictments are based upon evidence gathered by the federal district attorney's office in connection with the arrest about two months ago of Louis

Davidson is one of those accused, together with Hyman Horwitz and his son Benjamin, in business as Horwitz & Muskowitz; Barnet Tietz of B. Tietz & Co.. Jacob Weinstein and his son, Abraham Pursch and Leon Levine of Pursch & Levine, Barney Robinson an Morris Alewitz, shipping clerks in the employ of the New York Manufacturers' Company, all of this city, and Ira L. Janowsky, a civilian clerk in the quartermaster's office here.

#### Charges Against Eight.

The manufacturers are all accuse of having received and retained Army cloth. Robinson and Alewitz are charged with perjury before the grand jury, and Janowsky is alleged to have destroyed government receipts, so as to eal thefts of cloth.

concest thefts of cloth.

Cloth and other Army supplies worth approximately \$5,000,000 were stolen, according to Lieut. George D. Barnitz of the New York police force, who, in conjunction with the federal authorities, investigated the alleged frauds, which he said included thefts in other parts of the country.

#### Plot Is Alleged.

sserted that a plot of nation-

#### Save Millions for U. S. It was stated the indictments today

millions more in losses.

The profiteering is made possible, the lederal investigators explained, by the methods in which the cloth is cut. From material which the government estimated would provide a dozen uniforms, the manufacturers would cut ten or less, according to the authorities, and the excess cloth, known to the trade as "clippings," would be resold, either to the government itself or to other manufacturers. ring and save the government from

#### Amounted to 3 Per Cent.

Some of the defendants, Lieut. Barhits said, represented to the government that their "clippings" amounted to 3 per cent, whereas, actually due to their methods of cloth cutting, they amounted to 8 per cent, the difference representing the excess cloth alleged to

Owing to the alleged activity of a civilian clerk in the Army in connection with the purported plot, it was easy for concealment to be effected. So bold were some of the defendants, so bold were some of the defendants, according to investigators, that bolts of stolen cloth were displayed openly in windows in the jobbing district.

"Clippings" were sold to manufacturers in Chicago, St. Louis and Greenville, Ill., and large quantities of the cloth have been recovered at those places, it was announced. The manufacturers purchased innocently and will not be prosecuted. Clothing houses in other western cities also have obtained cloth, not knowing it was stolen, the investigators said, and this

### PREDICTS COLD WEATHER

A further decline in temperature for the District of Columbia is scheduled tonight, according to today's weather bureau forecast. The minimum temperature tonight will be around twelve de-

risen only one point.

The maximum and minimum temperatures in the District a year ago today were 42 and 31, respectively.

Fair weather will prevail tonight and tomorrow. Fair weather is the general program for the Atlantic coast today from New York to South Carolina. High air pressure from the Rocky mountains eastward has caused the drop in temperature, weather officials explained.

#### KAISER SENDS CARRANZA THANKS FOR GREETINGS

MEXICO CITY, February 21 .- Emperor William's reply to President Carranza's birthday message to him of January 27 has been given out officially here. It reads: "I am very grateful to you for your amiable telegram of felicitation on the occasion of my birth-day. I send to you, Mr. President, my sincere thanks, together with my best wished for yourself and for the pros-perity of the Mexican people. (Sirsed) "Wilhelm, emperor and king."

### OVER U. S. SECTOR IN FRANCE BRILLIANT ATTACK GERMAN PLANES FLY AT WILL

Officers Generally Concede Air Supremacy to Enemy and Wonder When More American Machines Will Be Sent Over.

Every time the Germans come over their path the sky is specked by fleecy shrapnel puffs, but the chances of hitting an airplane with anti-aircraft shells are so 'remote that the enemy aviators calmly fly along as if on a pleasure tour. Every now and then airplanes on this side attack the enemy. They always do this when they get a chance. But the boche is clever while flying, and manages to come over and take pictures, make observations and do virtually whatever else he desires, and then calmly sail home without interruption. Nearly always he is at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, where he is comparatively safe from where he is comparatively safe from anti-aircraft fire, and knows it. It is not permitted to name any offi-cers of the American expeditionary

force. It is not permitted to quote them. If both were allowed it would be possible to carry quotations from virtually every officer at the front urging a speedy appearance of large numbers of American airplanes, with American pilots

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, February 29.—Control of the air from the enemy—that is to fight him for it in the sky and relieve him of it by force of overwhelming numbers.

Right now, if the Germans knew American airplanes were waiting for them every time they came over the line their trips would be less frequent. Neither would they dare to attempt such a bold piece of work as when they recently flew over the line in an airplane with anti-aircraft shells are so remote that the enemy. American soldiers in the trenches.

If there had been American planes nearby the chances of the Germans getting back home after such a trick would be small. And it is extremely doubtful, officers say, if they ever would have tried it.

Any officer also will say that the safety of individual soldiers depends upon keeping the enemy from doing as he pleases overhead. For days the Germans have been flying over certain towns where American troops have

towns where American troops have been resting after periods in the trenches. Once or twice these daylight observation tours have been followed the same night by visits by enemy bombing planes.

Fly Unrestricted Over Towns. So free and unrestricted are the Ger man airmen that in some towns the commands are under strict orders to

By unanimous action the administra

today by the Senate finance committee

One of the most important amend-

ments adopted by the committee would

Directors' Power Limited.

of the directors, of "exceptional

Fear Inflation in New

Finance Plan of U. S.:

ury, another question agitating the

statesmen is whether the new scheme

may result in inflation. The bill pro-

vides that in addition to the half billion

Secretary Backs Plan.

Secretary McAdoo himself, addressing

secretary mcAdoo nimseir, addressing the finance committee on that point, said: "It is a question very largely of opinion, gentlemen. It is easy to theorize, and when one lacks argument it is easy to obscure the issue by the cry of inflation.

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"We have got to take the chance of infiation in this war, anyhow," continued Secretary McAdoo. "We must have expansion of credits instead of infiation, if possible, and the thing to do is to pass measures which will give direction to a sound expansion of credit and supervision of it in such a way as to minimize the possibilities or the evils of infiation. In other words, to make it just as sound as we possibly can, and I think this bill does exactly that thing."

Senator Lodge pointed out that there is a very broad distinction between expansion of credits and infiation of the circulating medium, to which Secretary McAdoo assented, and both agreed there must be expansion of credits.

The Morgan firm's member, in a public communication, contended that it is vitally necessary for industries whose operations are essential to the prosecution of the war to obtain credit; that the investment markets are substan—

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Another important amendment would

### arrest about two months ago of Louis Davidson, head of the Universal cloth shrinking and refinishing works here. USED AS WARNING ORDERED REPORTED

**Peace Discussions Should Not** Committee Favors Measure **Detract From Winning War,** to Provide Money to Aid Says Elihu Root. War Industries.

#### TELLS SECURITY CONGRESS IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE

CHICAGO, February 21.-In a letter tion bill to create a war finance corread at the Congress of National Service poration, with capital of \$4,500,000,000, today Elihu Root of New York, honorary to extend government aid to war induspresident of the National Security League, said that the public should be careful not to have its attention distracted from the intense concentration take from the directors of the corporaecessary to win the war by the discusion about peace terms that was appearing in some of the papers and at some gatherings. He pointed out that

and that investigations in other cities probably would be undertaken.

Frank M. Roosa, United States assistant district attorney, in charge of the prosecution, said that, because the inquiry was incomplete he could not announce yet the extent of the frauds but that Barnitz's estimates of the lasse did not seem at all out of proportion, masmuch as the frauds affect Army contracts throughout the country. The indictment against Davidson contains sixteen counts and charges him specifically with stealing 2,000 bolts of Army cloth, valued at \$30,000.

pearing in some of the papers and that some of the pointed out that some of the pointed out that there were not only no negotiations, but no basis for peace negotiations.

The congress, to be held under the auspices of the National Security League, opened a three-day session to-day, with delegates present from many states in the Union. H. H. Merrick, chairman of the Chicago branch of the National Security League; Gov. Frank O. Lowden, S. Stanwood Menken, president of the National Security League, and William Howard Taft, former Preschairman of the Chicago branch of the
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dent of the National Security League, and William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, were on the program for addresses today. In his letter regretting his inability, ould serve to terminate further con-

through illness, to be present at the congress Mr. Root said:

#### Warns of Russia's Experience. "Let us be warned by poor Russia's

present position. The bolsheviki were very eloquent about peace, 'without annexations or indemnities,' and they filled the minds of Russian soldiers and miled the minds of Russian soldiers and workmen with the idea to such an extent that they stopped fighting and making munitions; but when they got to Brest-Litovsk they found what the leaders probably knew all along—that Germany had no intention of making any such peace. She wanted the Baltic provinces of Russia, and she seized and purposes to keep them, and Russia, having stopped fighting in favor of the kind of peace she admired, finds herself in a position where, for the present, she has nothing whatever to say about the kind of peace there shall be. We must beware of anything in the remotest degree approaching that.

Shortcomings to Be Expected.

"Of course there have been mistakes and shortcomings in the conduct of the war—it would e a miracle if there were not. Sincere and constructive were not. Sincere and constructive criticism of executive conduct is a very useful thing. But we must all be careful that neither shortcomings nor criticism tends in the slightest degree to divert or decrease the heartiness with which we all support and reinforce the President and his civil and military of-

s ficers in carrying on this war.

"I beg of you as citizens of this great republic not to let your minds be carried from the great work we have before us."

The object of the congress is to arouse the morale of the people so that loyal support may be accorded every effort put forth to accomplish the speedy winning of the war. war finance corporation. The securities cannot directly be made the basis of federal reserve note issues, but in this respect will stand in the same situation as liberty bonds.

There is division of opinion among financiers as to whether inflation may follow or not from the exercise of this privilege. Such an authority as the National City Bank of New York contends that inflation is probable under this scheme. A member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.—Thomas W. Lamont—argues to the contrary.

#### POLES KEPT IN CABINET.

Emperor Charles Refuses to Accept Resignation of Two Ministers.

The coldest of the last twenty-four hours was at 8 oclock this morning, when the mercury went down to nine-teen degrees. In three hours it had risen only one point.

The maximum and minimum temperatures in the District a year ago today.

#### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The regular edition of The Star will be issued tomorrow at 1 o'clock and delivered at once throughout the city.

Classified Advertisements must be in The Star office by 10:00 a.m. to insure insertion in Friday's Star.

# MADE BY FRENCH

Go Through German First Line in Lorraine, Taking 525 Prisoners.

#### **ALLIES DOWN 20 AEROS**

In a brilliant attack in Lorraine French troops have gone through the German first line on a lengthy front and captured more than 500 prisoners. This attack is the first of large proportions on the western front in 1918.

There have been many raiding enter prises by both sides in Lorraine recently, and this front has been looked where the Germans might make their heralded drive. It lies northeast o Luneville and east-northeast of Nancy A German attack at Four de Paris, in losses, by the French. On the British front in France there has been no great increase in the raiding and th artillery activity.

Entente airmen continue to be busy in air fighting and bombing expeditions. French and British flyers have brought down twenty German machines, and British airmen have carried out raids into Germany.

#### French Official Reports.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, February 21.—The official statement reads: "Northwest of Rheims, in the region

of Loivre, a German raid was repulse

"The total number of prisoners taken in Lorraine in the course of the French operations north of Bures and east of Moncel is 525, of whom eleven are officers.
"On the remainder of the front there is nothing important to report."
The text of the official statement of

The text of the official statement of last night reads:
"In the Argonne we repulsed an attack at Four de Paris and inflicted appreciable losses on the enemy.
"In Lorraine, north of Buras and east of Moncel (northeast of Nancy), our detachments penetrated the German lines deeply on a large front. This operation, brilliantly carried out, enabled us to bring back prisoners.
"In the Vosges there was quite marked artillery fighting in the region of Le Fave.
"Aviation: On February 19 four German airplanes were brought down by our plots. A fifth was destroyed by our special guns. Three other German machines fell inside their own lines seriously damaged after engagements.

#### Portuguese Successful. Portuguese official communication is-today, dealing with the operations of

tion the power to license private secur a capital issues committee, to be ap-pointed by the Federal Reserve Board, and to include three members of that board and not more than seven mem patrols.
"A Gotha airplane fell inside our sector, and its crew, composed of two officers and two non-commissioned officers, was made

#### New Zealanders Win.

limit the directors' power to make LONDON, February 21 .- "New Zeadirect loans, . not through banking and troops carried out a successful raid early this morning east of Polyof the directors, of "exceptional importance in public interest."

The bill also was amended to make the directors of the corporation appointable by the President, with confirmation by the Senate, instead of by Secretary McAdoo.

Mr. McAdoo, however, has agreed to all the amendments, and it is believed they will command the support of the republicans.

missing.

"Tuesday night Thionville again was attacked successfully. Twenty-six heavy bombs were dropped on the railway station, and a large explosion was caused and two fires started. All our machines returned safely. Today our airplanes bombed large factories and the station at Pirmasens, in Germany, and dropped a ton of bombs. All returned safely."

All of the big department stores and practically every store that is affiliated with the merchants' association has entered the plan. Other small stores are expected to fall in line as they learn of the plan.

D. J. Callahan, director of the war savings stamp campaign in the District, will supply merchants with plagard, to be displayed over every counter in their stores, bearing the inscrip-

### FIRE ON SHIP LADEN WITH WAR SUPPLIES

dollars of capital furnished the corporathe corporation may issue its own shortterm notes and securities to the amount
of four billions of dollars.

These issues would be available as
security for paper purchased or rediscounted by the Federal Reserve Board.
Federal reserve banks would be authorized to make advances to member
banks, secured by the issues of, the
war finance corporation. The securities
cannot directly be made the basis of
federal reserve note issues, but in this
respect will stand in the same situation
as liberty bonds.

An Army freight steamship, being loaded with shell parts and steel for transport to France, caught fire here today.
The flames started in the boiler room
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the same started in the boiler room
and spread to the engine room, where
their progress was checked by flooding
the compartment with steam, after water and chemicals had failed to extinguish them.

Federal agents are investigating,
questioning members of the crew and
laborers loading the vessel. The fire is
the second one on steamships at this
prespect will stand in the same situation
as liberty bonds.

There is division of college. AN ATLANTIC PORT, February 21 .tion by the government, as a "nest egg,"

to your home.

for The Evening Star.

day Star.

### STORES GIVE THRIFT STAMPS AS CHANGE

Washington Merchants Will Start New Idea Next Monday Morning.

APPEAL TO SHOPPERS

A suggestion to take thrift stamps with change will be made to thousands of shoppers in Washington stores daily, beginning Monday, in the biggest drive yet undertaken to dispose of the government's twenty-five-cent securities in the

D'etrict. The plan to have the stamps on sal at every counter in practically every store in Washington was worked out by the Retail Merchants' Association at the request of Mrs. Coker F. Clarkson. member of the executive committee or war savings stamps in the District.

#### First City to Adopt Plan.

Washington, it is understood, will be the first city to adopt the plan, which is expected to be taken up soon

raid early this morning east of Polygon wood. Flanders front, and captured a few prisoners." says today's war office statement. "The enemy's artillery was active yesterday evening against our positions at Flesquieres."

Twelve German airplanes have been accounted for by the British airmen and one by infantry, says a statement on aerial operations last night, which also reports successful attacks on Thionville and Pirmasens, Germany. The statement reads:

"In the air fighting Tuesday eleven hostile machines were brought down, and another was driven down out of control. At night a bombing machine was brought down in no man's land by infantry. Two of our machines are missing.

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All of the big department stores and

cards, to be displayed over every counter in their stores, bearing the inscription, "Ask for a Thrift Stamp With Your Change."

The war savings stamp committee hopes in this way to reach hundreds of persons who could not be reached through any other channel. A thrift stamp costs 25 cents and the committee believes that a woman who takes one stamp in change will not stop until she has filled a war savings certificate, which requires sixteen thrift stamps. Will Get at the Women.

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"From Press to Home Within the Hour"

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The price to March 1st is 1 cent a day for The

After March 1st the price will be 60 cents per

### PEACE PARLEY WITH UNITED STATES, AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS' DEMAND.

DEPT OF AGENU

COLD

WAVE

CONTINUED

AMSTERDAM, February 21, British Admiralty per Wireless Press. -The Austrian socialist party has submitted an interpellation to Premier von Seydler, urging him to accept President Wilson's statement regarding the principles upon which a general peace can be dis-The socialists demand that the premier take steps immediately

to open negotiations between Austria-Hungary and the United States.

### GERMANS TO AID FINNS IN DRIVE UPON REDS

Vasa-Sweden Will Remain

HAPARANDA, Sweden, February 21. LONDON, February 21.—A further ad

Four steamships have arrived at vance of three and one-half miles on a Vasa, in the Gulf of Bothnia, from Gerguns, machine guns, rifles and muni-

mersfors and Viborg.

#### Sweden to Stay Neutral.

STOCKHOLM, February 21.-In answer to an interpellation in the riksdag, Premier Eden said that while certain circles in Finland desired Swedish intervention in that country, a considerable part of the Finnish people trongly opposed the idea and Sweden in no wise intended armed intervention in no wise intended armed intervention there unless compelled by a violation of Swedish rights and interests. He added that the existing prohibition on the transit and exportation of arms would be maintained.

The premier declared that Sweden would not permit the organization of armed forces on Swedish territory, but individual volunteers would be allowed to enter the Finnish service.

### TO CURTAIL FAST TRAINS

Competition to Be Eliminated Between Big Cities, Railroad Administration Announces.

Fast train competition between New Washington and southern points and other, ficiency appropriation bill now important passenger terminals will be eliminated soon, the railroad administration announced today. Certain roads will freight traffic. Investigation has been made by A. H.

Smith, regional director for the east, to letermine whether the New York Central. Pennsylvania or Baltimore and Ohio hould be used for fast passenger trains between New York and Chicago. It is understood the New York Central is being considered most favorably because of heavy freight on the two

The elimination between Chicago and St. Louis is under consideration by R. H. Aishton, regional director at Chicago. C. H. Markham, regional director for the south, is working on the

rector for the south, is working the south.

By this means the railroad administration hopes to save many millions of dollars without inconveniencing passenger traffic. In many cases, officials point out, the fast trains running in competition are only partially filled.

### SCOUTS FOUL PLAY HINT.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice Victim of Heart Failure, Says Physician. OTTAWA, February 21.-The sug-

gestion brought up in the British hous of commons on Tuesday that an in quest be held into the death of Si Cecil Spring Rice, former British am-bassador to the United States, is not taken seriously here, where the diplomat's funeral took place last week. Dr. Thomas Gibson, who attended Sir Cecil during his last illness, was quoted today as saying that death was due only to heart failure, brought on by a heavy dinner which the statesman ate after an afternoon of strenuous skat-

### BRITISH ARE NOW WITHIN FOUR MILES OF JERICHO

Four Ships Carrying Soldiers Reach Advance Three and One-Half Miles on Front of 7 3-4 in the

Palestine Arena By the Associated Press.

LONDON, February 21.—A further ad

front of seven and three-quarter miles many, carrying Finnish soldiers who has been made by the British forces in had served in the German army and a Palestine, the war office announces. The number of German volunteers. The British are now within four miles of ressels also carried a large number of Jericho. The operations are being continued.

The British losses Tuesday, when ar It is reported a strong offensive will advance was made on a fifteen-mile st of Jerus slight. Yesterday's losses have

#### been reported. The British also advanced northwes of Jerusalem to a miximum depth of one mile on a front of four miles.

Longshoremen Resume Work. NEW YORK, February 21.-Ninhundred longshoremen employed by the Southern Pacific Steamship Company returned to work at noon here today after having received official notification from the labor adjustment board of the United States Shipping Board that an increased wage scale had been granted. The men walked out yester-

day, impatient because the decision of the board had not been given.

### UP TO SENATE COMMITTEE

Asked to Include \$4.200,000 for Arlington Hotel Site in Urgent Deficiency Bill.

The Senate committee on appropriations has been requested by the Treasury York and Chicago, Chicago and St. Louis, Department to include in the urgent debefore the committee an item of \$4,200,000 for the purchase of the Arlington Hotel site property for the use of the war risk insurance bureau, etc. An estimate of other lines devoted more extensively to the proposed expenditure has been subnitted in the regular form.

mitted in the regular form.

The House committee on public buildings and grounds, through Chairman Clark, reported favorably to the House yesterday a separate bill for this purpose. Secretary McAdoo, however, is so impressed with the need of obtaining this building without delay that he is asking that the appropriation be placed in the urgent deficiency bill, so as to obviate all delay. It is understood that Mr. Clark has no objection to the matter following this course. The Senate committee probably will have a hearing on the subject when the bill is taken up for consideration.

### 600 WITHIN DRAFT TREATY.

Americans in United Kingdom Affected, Reports Robert P. Skinner. LONDON, February 21.—Approxi-nately 600 Americans resident in the United Kingdom are subject to the draft under the Anglo-American treaty. t was announced by the American con sul general, Robert P. Skinner. There are approximately 12,000 citiens of both sexes and all ages now resident in the United Kingdom.

Tomorrow, Have a Wheatless Meal and a Meatless Meal

## **GERMANS CAPTURE** 1,353 RUSS GUNS. 5,000 MOTOR CARS

TWO CENTS.

Kaiser's Armies Continue Their Advance Along the Whole Eastern Front.

#### BOLSHEVIKI PREPARE TO DEFEND PETROGRAD

Slav Decision to Accept Teuton Peace Terms Reached by Majority of One Vote.

BERLIN, February 21, via London.-The war office announces that 1,353 guns and between 4,000 and 5,000 motor cars have been captured from the Russians.

The Germans have made prisoner a general commanding an army, 425 officers and 8,700 men. BERLIN, February 21, via

London.-The Russian town of Rovno has been cleared of the Russians, the war office reports. Trains with about 1,000 cars, many laden with food, have been captured, as well as airplanes and an incalculable amount of war material.

Between Dvinsk and Pinsk

the Germans are pressing eastward. Gen. von Linsingen's movement continues. Important railway and highway junctions have been occupied.

The Germans have passed through Wenden, fifty-five miles northeast of Riga, and are now before Wolmar, seventy miles northeast of Riga.

Rovno is the most easterly of the triangle of Russian fortresses in Volhynia. Lutsk, the western citadel in the triangle, capitulated to the Germans on February 18 without fighting. The third fortress in Volhynia, Dubno, lies about midway between Rovno and the town of Brody, on the Galician frontier.

Advance of German Regiments.

BERLIN, February 21.—German regiments from Moon Island crossed Moon sound and marched into Esthonia, occupying Leal. Other forces advancing along the shore of the Gulf of Riga reached Pernigal and Lemsal.

#### Moving on All Fronts.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, February 20.—Dispatches received here indicate continued German movements along all fronts toward Vitebsk, Minsk, Pskoff and Reval.

German airmen are reported to have

raided Regitsa on Monday. Many bombs were dropped and several per-sons were killed. The raiders disappeared toward Dvinsk. Just two hours after the armistice ended German troops entered Dvinsk. It was 2 o'clock on the afternoon of February 18 that German patrols unexpectedly appeared around the city and seized the railway stations and other central points. Only small skirmishes with fleeing soldiers took place. The red guards offered no resistance, while the artillery and infantry were demobilizing and wholly un-

prepared to fight. Attempts to evacuate the city were successful. Much heavy artillery and large quantities of ammunition fell into the hands of the Germans. The civil population had no opportunity to escape. The commissaries of the local workmen's and soldiers' council tried to escape, disguised as soldiers, but they were seized by the Germans.

#### Peace by Single Vote.

The decision of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates to accept the German peace terms, was reached by majority of only one vote, after a heated debate lasting throughout Mon day night. Great secrecy was observed in regard to the meeting, which was adjourned several times to permit the bolsheviki and the social revolutionists to hold party caucuses. There were di-visions in both parties on the subject. To Deliver Acceptance to Germans.

The soldiers' and workmen's deputies decided that only one member of the delegation which represented Russia at the Brest-Litovsk conferences should go to Dvinsk to deliver to the Germans an official copy of the announcement that Germany's terms had been accepted. No announcement has been made as to the selection of a delegate or the time of his departure.

Premier Lenine, Foreign Minister Trotzley, Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-qhief, and many other leaders addressed the council. Military men explained the impossibility of offering effective resistance, but no decision was reached until messages had been received showing that the Germans had captured Dvinsk with ease, and were advancing all along the front.

Delegates Are Influenced.

This news reached the council early Tuesday morning and influenced the delegates to decide for peace. Before the capture of Dvinsk Premier Lenine said he was opposed to peace, but finally urged that peace must be obtained at any price, in order to insure the reconstruction of Russia. He said the Gere

# In Washington and Elsewhere